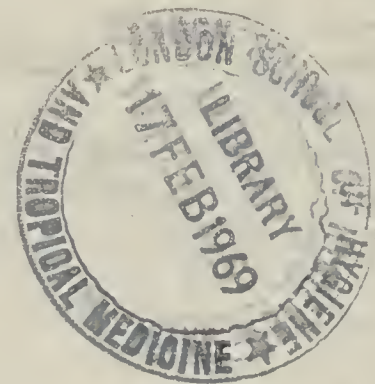


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WINSLOW RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and of the

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

and

SURVEYOR

for the year

1967.

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REPRESENTING

Drayton Parslow
Dunton

East Claydon
Granborough
Great Horwood
Hoggeston

Hogshaw
Little Horwood
Mursley
Nash
Newton Longville
Newton Longville
North Marston
Shenley Brook End

Stewkley
Stewkley
Swanbourne
Tattenhoe

Whaddon
Winslow
Winslow
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PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS FOR 1967

Medical Officer of Health
Surveyor & Public Health Inspector
Deputy Surveyor & Public Health
Inspector
Public Health Clerks

Dr. P. Lavis, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.
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Housing Committee

Chairman Cclr. H. North.
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Finance, Rating and General Purposes Committee

Chairman Cclr. J. Morton
Vice Chairman Cclr. Miss E.M. Johnson

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for 1967.
Vital Statistics

Trends reported last year continue.

Infectious Diseases

Apart from the expected measles epidemic, the year was singularly quiet. With an adequate measles vaccine now available and official approval for its widespread use, one hopes to see the regular epidemics become less severe and eventually a thing of the past.

Health Education

While a wide variety of health topics are publicized and discussed each year, a particular theme is emphasized. The theme for 1967 was "Prevention of Cancer." Special use was made of Mothers Clubs to link this with the opening of the local Health Authority cervical cytology clinics in North Bucks. These clinics, together with the service provided by several Practitioners should enable all women in the "high risk" groups to undergo testing.

Environmental Health

Atmospheric pollution is a topic that normally does not require concern by rural authorities. Certain pockets can occur, but these are relatively insignificant when compared with industrial regions. However, I make no apology for bringing this up at this stage because the building of a large city adjacent to, and partly in the rural district could bring problems in this sphere. In an effort to prevent this sort of pollution rising to intolerable levels it would be wise to declare the Milton Keynes designated area smoke controlled from the outset. Much time and money could be saved if steps were taken to complete the declaration before buildings were erected. In addition, properties adjacent to the city area should be included and the whole project carried out as a properly co-ordinated phased scheme with the other districts in North Bucks. Bletchley are taking the initial steps to cover their area and I hope Winslow R.D.C. will be able to take similar action in the appropriate parts of this area in due course.

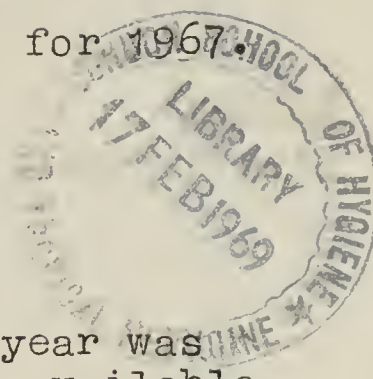
Staffing

Mr. T.J. Ayres filled the vacancy for a Public Health Inspector on 1st March 1967. He has proved his value in helping Mr. Shipp with his many and varied responsibilities. I must acknowledge and thank the Council for their concern in the Public Health.

I am,

Your Obedient Servant,

P. J. Shipp
Medical Officer of Health.



VITAL STATISTICS

			<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>
<u>Births</u>				
Live Births:	(Legitimate)	Males	98	84
		Females	90	79
	(Illegitimate)	Males	6	6
		Females	7	1
		Total	201	170
Still Births			3	2
Birth Rate (corrected) Winslow				21.1
Birth Rate Bucks		26.1		18.1
England and Wales			17.7	17.2
<u>Deaths</u>				
Deaths:	Males		70	61
	Females		72	72
	Total		142	133
Death rate (corrected) Winslow				9.7
Death rate Bucks		10.2		8.9
England and Wales			11.7	11.2
<u>Infant Mortality Rate:</u>				
Winslow				NIL.
Bucks			19.9	15.7
England and Wales			19.0	18.3
<u>Miscellaneous</u>				
Area (in acres)				36,436
Population				9200
Number of inhabited houses at 31st December 1967 according to rate book				3,155
Rateable Value				£276,114
Sum represented by penny rate				£1,104

Principal Causes of Death

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Malignant Neoplasm	12	12	24
Diabetes	2	1	3
Vascular lesions of nervous system	5	7	12
Heart disease	17	25	42
Other Circulatory disease	3	8	11
Pneumonia	8	5	13
Bronchitis	3	2	5
Congenital Malformations	1	0	1
Accidents	3	1	4
Other	7	11	18
	61	72	133

PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICES

Approval was given by the Ministry of Health to the County Council's application for the erection of a Health Centre in Winslow. I hope this will be erected in 1968. It will provide a centre for the provision of General Practitioners and Local Health Authority Services for Winslow and the immediate surrounding area. Although a small unit, one hopes it will answer the need for a more adequate and co-operative service. If Winslow's population enlarges it will be capable of expansion. Acknowledgement must be made to Mr. J.A. Pearson, Administrative Officer, Winslow Hospital for the help he has freely given, and for enabling a health visitor to use premises for much of her work.

Ambulance Service Administered by Bucks County Council from Aylesbury with a sub-station at Bletchley serving the north of the area.

Hospitals Under the Oxford Regional Hospital Board. Patients are generally treated at Aylesbury. Outpatient facilities are also available in certain specialities at Bletchley, Buckingham and Wolverton.

Laboratory (Public Health) - Oxford and Bedford.

District Nursing/Midwifery Area Superintendent - Mrs. O.M. Riley at Area Health Office, Bletchley. Four nurses are stationed within the district.

Health Visiting Superintendent - Mrs. D.L. Marrett at Area Health Office. Four Health Visitors (some of whom combine their duties with general nursing) are stationed in the district.

Social Workers (Medical, Welfare, Blind, Mental Health) Area Officer - Mr. P.K. Smith at Area Health Office.

Home Help Service Area Organiser - Mrs. H.R.L. Sephton. Assistant Organiser (Winslow District) Mrs. V.A. Haughey. Considerable difficulty is still being experienced in recruiting ladies to undertake this work in the district. Efforts have been made during the year to increase the woman-power, but with little success.

Training Centres Adult and junior centres at Bletchley and Aylesbury.

Child Welfare Clinics Clinics are held at regular intervals at Winslow, Stewkley and Newton Longville in hired halls. The mobile clinic visits Great Horwood, Little Horwood, Mursley, Drayton Parslow, Swanbourne, Nash and Whaddon.

Dental Clinic Treatment is offered to children and expectant mothers at Bletchley, Buckingham and Aylesbury. In addition the dentist visits schools regularly.

Health Education Area Organiser - Miss G. Hanmer at Area Health Office.

School Health Service Administered from Area Health Office, Bletchley. This includes arrangements for examination of pupils in accordance with the Education Act, 1944, ascertainment of handicap and arranging appropriate treatment. The Child Guidance Clinic is situated at Whalley Drive, Bletchley. B.C.G. vaccination against tuberculosis is carried out in the schools as well as booster doses of polio, diphtheria and tetanus antigens.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Existing Sewers and Disposal Works

With the exception of the heavily overloaded works at Newton Longville all other works continued to operate satisfactorily during the year. Some trouble was experienced during the year with surcharging of the sewer through the Greenway estate at Great Horwood.

Schemes

During the year it was decided that the temporary proposals for providing extended aeration plant units at Newton Longville would not prove satisfactory. Further negotiations were, therefore, carried out with Bletchley U.D.C. and, as the result of these, proposals were finalized for the construction of a pumping station on the site of the existing works and construction of a pumping main to Bletchley. In addition to the Newton Longville scheme the schemes for Whaddon and Nash, and East Claydon were finalized and submitted to the Ministry for approval. Towards the end of the year an Inquiry was held at the Council Offices into all three schemes by a Ministry Inspector and this was attended by representatives from the Consulting Engineers, County Council and River Board.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Refuse Collection and Disposal

Throughout the year the weekly collection service was maintained with very little disruption. The introduction of the new Bonus Scheme during the previous year kept the labour position fairly stable. The only problems to arise were those resulting from the cancellation of collections during annual holiday periods when the difficulties of giving publicity to cancellations arose.

In addition to this it was sometimes very difficult to find a suitable substitute on a vehicle when absence due to sickness occurred.

During the year it became evident that the Bedford collection vehicle would have to be replaced as it had reached the end of its useful life. It was agreed that a new Dennis Paxit would be purchased at the beginning of the 1968/9 financial year.

Little progress was made in acquiring the new tip at Stewkley. At the latter end of the year a further meeting was arranged with the owners and they informed the Council that they would now prefer to sell the site rather than lease it to the Council.

Streets Cleansing - Winslow

The only highways cleansed by the Council are as follows and these together with the Market Square are done at the latter end of each week. A litter collection is also carried out in the High Street on Mondays.

- (a) High Street
- (b) Station Road
- (c) Buckingham Road
- (d) Sheep Street
- (e) Horn Street

During the year the problem of litter was again raised but it was felt that additional labour could not be employed or spared to widen or improve the service.

Salvage

The value of salvage during the year amounted to:-

Paper	Nil.
Metals	£11-14-0d. (Housing)

BUILDING CONTROL

Building control throughout the district is exercised by the Council. During the year 217 applications were received. A large proportion of time continues to be spent on visits and inspections to ensure compliance with the Building Regulations.

PLANNING CONTROL

Under the Delegation Agreement made between the Council and the County Council certain functions of the Town and Country Planning Act 1962 are exercised by the District Council.

During the year 247 planning applications were deposited with the Council.

The number of applications received during the ten years prior to 1967 were as follows:-

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Applications</u>
1966	226
1965	236
1964	213
1963	179
1962	193
1961	198
1960	125
1959	121
1958	97
1957	71

In October a special meeting of the Public Health and Planning Committee was called to consider the Winslow Expansion Plan. This meeting was attended by members of the Parish Council and officers of the Planning Authority. As the result of this meeting a number of observations on the plan were forwarded to the Planning Authority for consideration.

SWIMMING POOLS

There is one swimming pool in the district (at Stewkley) and this is privately owned. It is, however, open to the public during the season and regular sampling of the water takes place both by the owner and the Council to ensure that a satisfactory standard is maintained.

RODENT CONTROL

The control of rodents throughout the district is undertaken by one operative who is employed jointly by Wing and Winslow Rural District Councils. During the year the following inspections and treatments were carried out:-

	<u>Surveys</u>	<u>Treatments</u>
Dwellinghouses	1102 (67)	219
Agricultural Properties	130 (16)	41
Business Properties	43 (5)	11

The figures in brackets are the numbers of properties surveyed as the result of notification of infestation. The Council's refuse tip at Little Horwood and all sewage disposal works have been regularly inspected and treated when necessary.

During the year the usual testing and treating of public sewers took place and only very minor infestations had to be dealt with.

Towards the end of the year the Foot and Mouth epidemic greatly curtailed the inspection of farms. Visits were only made at the request of farmers.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

The number of registered premises at the end of 1967 was 30. Of these 28 received a general inspection during the year. The remaining two premises were farm offices and it was not possible to inspect these owing to the outbreak of foot and mouth disease.

The occupiers were generally complying with the provisions of the Act, but a few still did not display an abstract of the Act.

HOUSING

Improvement Grants (Discretionary and Standard)

During the year the Council agreed to make Standard Grants to a maximum of £3917 - 10 - 0d.

1966	£2744-17-6.		
1965	£2319-16-6.		
1964	£5160-10-0.		
1963	£4430- 0-0.		
1962	£4425- 0-0.		
		<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>
(a) Number of applications received		26	19
(b) Number of applications approved		26	18
(c) Number of applications withdrawn		0	0
(d) Number of applications refused		0	0

Of the above applications five were higher limit grants.

Council Houses

The number of houses owned by the Council at the 1st April 1967 was:-

Pre-War	226.
Post-War	502.
Total	728.

Unfit Houses

- (a) Number of houses demolished during the year 2.
One of these dwellings was demolished under Section 25 of the Public Health Act 1961, being a dangerous structure.
- (b) Number of houses closed during the year 4.

WATER SUPPLIES

Water supply throughout the district is the responsibility of the Bucks Water Board and I am indebted to them for the following information.

1. Supply throughout the district has been at all times satisfactory as regards both quantity and quality.
2. Regular samples of water were taken during the year and the results of these indicated that the water supplied conformed to the high standard of that required by any public supply authority.
3. There is no tendency to plumbo-solvency.

All parishes in the district are supplied with water from public

mains and apart from a few isolated farms and other properties the majority of the population are served.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961.

The following inspections were carried out during the year:-

	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occs. Pros.
Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6, are to be enforced by Local Authorities	3	3	NIL	NIL
Factories not included in the above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	16	5	NIL	NIL
	19	8	NIL	NIL

